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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

GREGORY WATTERSON, Derivatively, On )  
Behalf of RIVERSTONE NETWORKS, INC., )

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROMULUS PEREIRA, PIYUSH PATEL, )  
CHRISTOPHER PAISLEY, JORGE A. DEL )  
CALVO, ROBERT STANTON, SURESH )  
GOPALAKRISHNAN and JOHN KERN, )

Defendants,

- and -

RIVERSTONE NETWORKS, INC., a Delaware )  
corporation, )

Nominal Defendant. )

Case No.: C 03-0637 SBA

SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE  
COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF  
FIDUCIARY DUTY, ABUSE OF CONTROL,  
GROSS MISMANAGEMENT, AND UNJUST  
ENRICHMENT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff, by his attorneys, submits this Derivative Complaint (the “Complaint”) against the  
2 Defendants named herein.

### 3 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

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5 1) This is a shareholder derivative action brought by a shareholder of Riverstone Networks,  
6 Inc. (“Riverstone” or the “Company”), on behalf of the Company against certain of its officers and  
7 directors seeking to remedy Defendants’ violations of common law, including breaches of fiduciary  
8 duties, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, and unjust enrichment between August 2001 and  
9 June 2002 (the “Relevant Period”) which have caused substantial losses to Riverstone and other  
10 damages, such as to its reputation and goodwill.  
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### 12 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13 2) This Court has jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted herein based 28 U.S.C. §1332  
14 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1.  
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16 3) This Court has jurisdiction over each Defendant named herein because each Defendant is  
17 either a corporation that conducts business in and maintains operations in this District, or is an  
18 individual which has sufficient minimum contacts in California and in this District so as to render the  
19 exercise of jurisdiction by this Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial  
20 justice.  
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22 4) Venue is proper in this Court because one or more of the Defendants either resides in or  
23 maintains executive offices in this District, a substantial portion of the transactions and wrongs  
24 complained of herein, including the Defendants’ primary participation in the wrongful acts detailed  
25 herein and aiding and abetting and conspiracy in violation of fiduciary duties owed to Riverstone  
26 occurred in this District, and Defendants have received substantial compensation in this District by  
27 doing business here and engaging in numerous activities which had an effect in this District.  
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## SUMMARY OF THE ACTION

5) Riverstone is a provider of metropolitan area networking solutions that enable service providers to convert raw bandwidth into profitable services over legacy and next-generation infrastructures.

6) During the Relevant Period, Defendants sought to create the impression that Riverstone had the ability to directly enter its target markets with a captive client base. It claimed, that, through, among other things, its relationship with Hutchinson Global Crossing (“Hutchinson”), it could compete head-to-head with the dominant companies in the industry. This was a false impression. Prior to its relationship with Hutchinson, Riverstone was having difficulty gaining operational momentum within potentially lucrative Asian markets, and it would not be able to meet its announced earnings and revenue projections.

7) Each Defendant knew that Riverstone would be unable to meet its projected Second Quarter 2002 to First Quarter 2003 revenue and earnings per share (“EPS”) targets, unless they manipulated the Company’s revenue, earnings, and receivables. However, because the “appearance” of growth was so critical to Defendants’ plan to inflate the price of Riverstone shares to sell their own shares and raise money via a \$150 million debt offering, Defendants continued to claim throughout the Relevant Period that Riverstone would meet revenue and EPS projections when, in reality, Defendants knew that Riverstone could not achieve their projections without attempting to fraudulently record revenue by inducing clients who Defendants knew did not have the ability to pay to agree to take delivery of goods and that Riverstone was, in fact, suffering from greater losses. To reveal the truth would be disastrous to defendants’ personal financial interests. Defendants knew that if they revealed Riverstone’s inability to generate legitimate sales growth from customers who could actually pay, Defendants would not reap the financial rewards they expected to receive by selling

1 their own shares at artificially inflated prices. In all, the Defendants pocketed approximately \$6.4  
2 million and were able to complete a \$150 million debt offering.

### 3 **THE PARTIES**

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5 8) Plaintiff Gregory Watterson is a citizen of Florida and is, and was at all times relevant  
6 hereto, an owner and holder of Riverstone common stock.

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8 9) Nominal defendant Riverstone is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of  
9 the State of Delaware with its headquarters located at 5200 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara,  
10 California.

11 10) Defendant Romulus Periera was, at all times relevant hereto, Chief Executive Officer and  
12 a director of Riverstone. Periera is a citizen of California. Because of Periera's positions, he knew  
13 the adverse non-public information about the business of Riverstone, as well as its finances, markets,  
14 and present and future business prospects, via access to internal corporate documents, conversations,  
15 and connections with other corporate officers and employees, attendance at management and Board  
16 of Directors' meetings and committees thereof and via reports and other information provided to him  
17 in connection therewith. During the Relevant Period, Periera participated in the issuance of false  
18 and/or misleading statements, including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases.  
19 During the Relevant Period, Periera sold 105,769 shares of Riverstone stock for proceeds of over \$1.8  
20 million.  
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23 11) Defendant Piyush Patel was, at all times relevant hereto, Chairman and a director of  
24 Riverstone. Patel is believed to be a citizen of New Hampshire. Defendant Patel was also, at all times  
25 relevant hereto, Chairman, President, CEO, and a director of Cabletron. Because of Patel's position,  
26 he knew the adverse non-public information about the business of Riverstone, as well as its finances,  
27 markets, and present and future business prospects, via access to internal corporate documents,  
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1 conversations, and connections with other corporate officers and employees, attendance at  
2 management meetings and via reports and other information provided to him in connection therewith.  
3 During the Relevant Period, Patel participated in the issuance of false and/or misleading statements,  
4 including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases. During the Relevant Period,  
5 Patel sold 258,542 shares of Riverstone stock for proceeds of over \$3 million.  
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7 12) Defendant Eric Jaeger is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a director of Riverstone.  
8 Jaeger is believed to be a citizen of California. He retired as a director in July 2002. During the  
9 Relevant Period, Jaeger sold 161,904 shares of Riverstone stock for proceeds of over \$1.3 million.  
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11 13) Defendant Christopher Paisley is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a director of  
12 Riverstone. Paisley is a citizen of California.

13 14) Defendant Jorge A. del Calvo is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a director of  
14 Riverstone. Calvo is a citizen of California.

15 15) Defendant Robert Stanton was, at all times relevant hereto, Chief Financial Officer of  
16 Riverstone. Because of Stanton's position, he knew the adverse non-public information about the  
17 business of Riverstone, as well as its finances, markets, and present and future business prospects, via  
18 access to internal corporate documents, conversations, and connections with other corporate officers  
19 and employees, attendance at management meeting, and via reports and other information provided to  
20 her in connection therewith. During the Relevant Period, Stanton participated in the issuance of false  
21 and/or misleading statements, including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases.  
22 During the Relevant Period, Stanton sold shares of Riverstone stock for proceeds of over \$650,000.  
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24 16) Defendant Suresh Gopalakrishnan was, at all times relevant hereto, Executive Vice  
25 President of Riverstone. Because of Gopalakrishnan's position, he knew the adverse non-public  
26 information about the business of Riverstone, as well as its finances, markets, and present and future  
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1 business prospects, via access to internal corporate documents, conversations, and connections with  
2 other corporate officers and employees, attendance at management meetings, and via reports and  
3 other information provided to her in connection therewith. During the Relevant Period,  
4 Gopalakrishnan participated in the issuance of false and/or misleading statements, including the  
5 preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases. During the Relevant Period,  
6 Gopalakrishnan sold shares of Riverstone stock for proceeds of over \$623,000.  
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8 17) Defendant John Kern was, at all times relevant hereto, Executive Vice President of  
9 Riverstone. Because of Kern's position, he knew the adverse non-public information about the  
10 business of Riverstone, as well as its finances, markets, and present and future business prospects, via  
11 access to internal corporate documents, conversations, and connections with other corporate officers  
12 and employees, attendance at management meetings, and via reports and other information provided  
13 to her in connection therewith. During the Relevant Period, Kern participated in the issuance of false  
14 and/or misleading statements, including the preparation of the false and/or misleading press releases.  
15 During the Relevant Period, Kern sold shares of Riverstone stock for proceeds of over \$472,000.  
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18 18) The Defendants identified in ¶¶ 10-15 are referred to herein as the "Director Defendants."  
19 The Defendants identified in ¶¶ 10, 16-18 are referred to herein as the "Officer Defendants." The  
20 Defendants identified in ¶¶ 10-12, 16-18 are referred to herein as the "Insider Selling Defendants."  
21 Collectively, the Director Defendants, the Officer Defendants, and the Insider Selling Defendants are  
22 referred to herein as the "Individual Defendants."  
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#### 24 **DUTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS**

25 19) By reason of their positions as officers, directors, and/or fiduciaries of Riverstone and  
26 because of their ability to control the business and corporate affairs of Riverstone, the Individual  
27 Defendants owed Riverstone and its shareholders fiduciary obligations of trust, loyalty, and due care,  
28 and were and are required to use their utmost ability to control and manage Riverstone in a fair, just,

1 honest, and equitable manner. The Individual Defendants were and are required to act in furtherance  
2 of the best interests of Riverstone and its shareholders so as to benefit all shareholders equally and not  
3 in furtherance of their personal interest or benefit.

4 20) Each director and officer of the Company owes to Riverstone and its shareholders the  
5 fiduciary duty to exercise good faith and diligence in the administration of the affairs of the Company  
6 and in the use and preservation of its property and assets, and the highest obligations of fair dealing.  
7 In addition, as officers and/or directors of a publicly held company, the Individual Defendants had a  
8 duty to promptly disseminate accurate and truthful information with regard to the Company's  
9 revenue, margins, operations, performance, management, projections, and forecasts so that the market  
10 price of the Company's stock would be based on truthful and accurate information.  
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12 21) The Individual Defendants, because of their positions of control and authority as directors  
13 and/or officers of Riverstone, were able to and did, directly and/or indirectly, exercise control over  
14 the wrongful acts complained of herein, as well as the contents of the various public statements issued  
15 by the Company. Because of their advisory, executive, managerial, and directorial positions with  
16 Riverstone, each of the Individual Defendants had access to adverse non-public information about the  
17 financial condition, operations, and improper representations of Riverstone.  
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19 22) At all times relevant hereto, each of the Individual Defendants was the agent of each of  
20 the other Individual Defendants and of Riverstone, and was at all times acting within the course and  
21 scope of such agency.  
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23 23) To discharge their duties, the officers and directors of Riverstone were required to  
24 exercise reasonable and prudent supervision over the management, policies, practices and controls of  
25 the financial affairs of the Company. By virtue of such duties, the officers and directors of  
26 Riverstone were required to, among other things:  
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1 (a) refrain from acting upon material inside corporate information to benefit  
2 themselves;

3 (b) ensure that the Company complied with its legal obligations and requirements,  
4 including acting only within the scope of its legal authority and disseminating truthful and  
5 accurate statements to the SEC and the investing public;

6 (c) conduct the affairs of the Company in an efficient, business-like manner so as to  
7 make it possible to provide the highest quality performance of its business, to avoid wasting  
8 the Company's assets, and to maximize the value of the Company's stock;

9 (d) properly and accurately guide investors and analysts as to the true financial  
10 condition of the Company at any given time, including making accurate statements about the  
11 Company's financial results and prospects, and ensuring that the Company maintained an  
12 adequate system of financial controls such that the Company's financial reporting would be  
13 true and accurate at all times;

14 (e) remain informed as to how Riverstone conducted its operations, and, upon receipt  
15 of notice or information of imprudent or unsound conditions or practices, to make reasonable  
16 inquiry in connection therewith, and to take steps to correct such conditions or practices and  
17 make such disclosures as necessary to comply with federal and state securities laws; and

18 (f) ensure that the Company was operated in a diligent, honest, and prudent manner in  
19 compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

20 24) Each Individual Defendant, by virtue of his or her position as a director and/or officer,  
21 owed to the Company and to its shareholders the fiduciary duties of loyalty, good faith and the  
22 exercise of due care and diligence in the management and administration of the affairs of the  
23 Company, as well as in the use and preservation of its property and assets. The conduct of the  
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1 Individual Defendants complained of herein involves a knowing and culpable violation of their  
2 obligations as directors and officers of Riverstone, the absence of good faith on their part, and a  
3 reckless disregard for their duties to the Company and its shareholders which the Individual  
4 Defendants were aware or should have been aware posed a risk of serious injury to the Company.  
5 The conduct of the Individual Defendants who were also officers and/or directors of the Company  
6 during the Relevant Period has been ratified by the remaining Individual Defendants who collectively  
7 comprised all of Riverstone's Board during the Relevant Period.  
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10 25) The Individual Defendants breached their duties of loyalty and good faith by allowing  
11 Defendants to cause or by themselves causing the Company to misrepresent its financial results and  
12 prospects, as detailed herein *infra*, and by failing to prevent the Individual Defendants from taking  
13 such illegal actions. In addition, as a result of Defendants' illegal actions and course of conduct  
14 during the Relevant Period, the Company is now the subject of several class action law suits which  
15 allege violations of federal securities laws. As a result, Riverstone has expended and will continue to  
16 expend significant sums of money. Such expenditures include, but are not limited to:  
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18 (a) Costs incurred to carry out internal investigations, including legal fees paid to  
19 outside counsel;

20 (b) Costs incurred in investigating and defending Riverstone and certain officers in  
21 the class actions, plus potentially millions of dollars in settlements or to satisfy an adverse  
22 judgment.  
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24 26) Moreover, these actions have irreparably damaged Riverstone's corporate image and  
25 goodwill. For at least the foreseeable future, Riverstone will suffer from what is known as the "liar's  
26 discount," a term applied to the stocks of companies who have been implicated in illegal behavior and  
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1 have misled the investing public, such that Riverstone's ability to raise equity capital or debt on  
2 favorable terms in the future is now impaired.

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4 **CONSPIRACY, AIDING AND ABETTING, AND CONCERTED ACTION**

5 27) In committing the wrongful acts alleged herein, the Individual Defendants have pursued,  
6 or joined in the pursuit of, a common course of conduct, and have acted in concert with and conspired  
7 with one another in furtherance of their common plan or design. In addition to the wrongful conduct  
8 herein alleged as giving rise to primary liability, the Individual Defendants further aided and abetted  
9 and/or assisted each other in breach of their respective duties.  
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11 28) During all times relevant hereto, the Individual Defendants collectively and individually  
12 initiated a course of conduct which was designed to and did: (i) conceal the fact that the Company  
13 was improperly misrepresenting its financial results, in order to allow Defendants to artificially  
14 inflate the price of the Company's shares; (ii) maintain the Individual Defendants' executive and  
15 directorial positions at Riverstone and the profits, power and prestige which the Individual  
16 Defendants enjoyed as a result of these positions; and (iii) deceive the investing public, including  
17 shareholders of Riverstone, regarding the Individual Defendants' management of Riverstone's  
18 operations, the Company's financial health and stability, and future business prospects, specifically  
19 related to the Company's financials which had been misrepresented by Defendants throughout the  
20 Relevant Period. In furtherance of this plan, conspiracy and course of conduct, the Individual  
21 Defendants collectively and individually took the actions set forth herein.  
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24 29) The Individual Defendants engaged in a conspiracy, common enterprise, and/or common  
25 course of conduct commencing by at least mid 2001 and continuing thereafter. During this time the  
26 Individual Defendants caused the Company to conceal the true fact that Riverstone was  
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1 misrepresenting its financial results. In addition, Defendants also made other specific, false  
2 statements about Riverstone's financial performance and future business prospects, as alleged herein.

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4 30) The purpose and effect of the Individual Defendants' conspiracy, common enterprise,  
5 and/or common course of conduct was, among other things, to disguise the Individual Defendants'  
6 violations of law, breaches of fiduciary duty, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, and unjust  
7 enrichment; to conceal adverse information concerning the Company's operations, financial  
8 condition, and future business prospects; and to artificially inflate the price of Riverstone common  
9 stock so they could: (i) dispose of over \$7.8 million of their personally held stock, (ii) protect and  
10 enhance their executive and directorial positions and the substantial compensation and prestige they  
11 obtained as a result thereof, and (iii) cause the Company to raise money via a \$150 million debt  
12 offering.  
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15 31) The Individual Defendants accomplished their conspiracy, common enterprise, and/or  
16 common course of conduct by causing the Company to purposefully, recklessly or negligently  
17 misrepresent its financial results. Because the actions described herein occurred under the authority  
18 of the Board of Directors, each of the Individual Defendants was a direct, necessary, and substantial  
19 participant in the conspiracy, common enterprise, and/or common course of conduct complained of  
20 herein.  
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22 32) Each of the Individual Defendants aided and abetted and rendered substantial assistance  
23 in the wrongs complained of herein. In taking such actions to substantially assist the commission of  
24 the wrongdoing complained of herein, each Individual Defendant acted with knowledge of the  
25 primary wrongdoing, substantially assisted the accomplishment of that wrongdoing, and was aware of  
26 his overall contribution to and furtherance of the wrongdoing.  
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**BACKGROUND**

33) On February 10, 2000, Cabletron Systems, Inc. announced its plan to create an independent publicly-traded company, Riverstone Networks, Inc., comprised of Cabletron's Internet infrastructure solutions business for Internet service providers and other service providers. After the completion of Riverstone's initial public offering on February 22, 2001, Cabletron owned 92,088,235 shares of Riverstone common stock, representing approximately 86% of Riverstone's outstanding common stock.

34) On June 3, 2000, Cabletron, Riverstone and certain related parties entered into a Transformation Agreement, and Cabletron and Riverstone entered into a Contribution Agreement. In accordance with the Transformation Agreement, Cabletron transferred to Riverstone the Cabletron-owned assets and liabilities which related to the Riverstone business on August 28, 2000 (the "Contribution" Date). Zeitnet was also contributed to and then merged into Riverstone.

35) On July 24, 2001, Riverstone issued 7,117,757 shares of common stock to Cabletron in exchange for approximately \$122 million in cash and certain strategic investments, with an historic cost of approximately \$13 million. Many of Cabletron's top officers and directors became Riverstone's top executives. Indeed, Director Defendant Patel served as Cabletron's Chairman, President and CEO until August 2001.

36) The Company's stated revenue recognition policy generally calls for the recognition of revenue upon shipment of products, provided: there are no uncertainties regarding customer acceptance, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the sales price is fixed and determinable, and collectibility is deemed probable. If uncertainties exist, revenue is recognized when such uncertainties are resolved. Revenues from service and maintenance contracts are deferred and recognized ratably over the period the services are performed, typically twelve months or less. When the Company provides a combination of products and services to a customer, revenue is allocated

1 based on the fair values. Estimated costs to repair or replace products that may be returned under  
 2 warranty are accrued at the time of shipment. The Company's warranty period typically extends  
 3 twelve months from the date of shipment. Sales to customers in which the Company receives an  
 4 equity instrument as consideration are recorded at the estimated fair value of the instrument received  
 5 as determined by an independent appraisal or a recent cash equity transaction received by the  
 6 customer from an unrelated third party. Deferred revenue is recognized into income when the above  
 7 criteria have been met.  
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 10 **FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS**  
 11 **DURING THE RELEVANT PERIOD**

12 37) Defendants made a series of false public statements. On August 20, 2001, the Individual  
 13 Defendants caused Riverstone to issue the following press release via *Business Wire*:

14 Hutchison Global Crossing Selects Riverstone Routers for World's First Metro MPLS  
 15 Ethernet Network.

16 Nationwide Network to Deliver Advanced Content and IP Services

17 . . . Riverstone Networks, Inc., a pioneer in metropolitan area networking, today announced  
 18 that Hong Kong-based Hutchison Global Crossing (HGC) selected Riverstone's advanced  
 19 routing technology to create the world's first major metropolitan Multi-Protocol Label  
 20 Switching (MPLS) Ethernet network. By deploying Riverstone routers to create its metro  
 21 network, HGC will manage and control bandwidth with unprecedented accuracy to deliver an  
 22 extensive suite of advanced IP-based services to its customers. ***The deployment will initially  
 23 provide nearly one million Hong Kong residents with last-mile Ethernet connectivity.***

24 "The new Hutchison Global Crossing networks relies on MPLS as the cornerstone for  
 25 provisioning its services, while leveraging the speed and simplicity of Ethernet, to create an  
 26 optimal foundation for the profitable delivery of IP services," said Romulus Pereira, president  
 27 and CEO of Riverstone Networks. "This state-of-the-art network will facilitate the creation  
 28 and delivery of several exciting new services, positioning HGC to increase its revenue streams  
 and grow its business into the future."

Riverstone will supply HGC with several hundred metro aggregation routers from the metro  
 core to the access edge, including numerous RS 38000 optical metro backbone routers, which  
 feature powerful service-creation tools and dynamic bandwidth provisioning capabilities. In  
 addition to using RS 38000 routers in the metro core, HGC will incorporate RS 8600 multi-  
 service metro routers for Point-of-Presence (POP) aggregation purposes, and RS 3000 metro  
 access routers in building access applications. HGC will also leverage Riverstone technology

1 to become the first carrier to launch an end-to-end MPLS metro network for content and  
2 service delivery.

3 “This is a very significant metro-optical Ethernet deployment,” said David Gross, senior  
4 analyst at Communications Industry Researchers, Inc. “MPLS greatly improved traffic  
5 engineering in the long-haul IP core, and now Riverstone is leading the charge to bring MPLS  
6 to the metro Ethernet core. As service providers are forced to accelerate time to profitability,  
7 Riverstone has build a platform that can help them reach their financial objectives.”

8 “Riverstone’s vision and strategy have been consistent, and its early commitment to MPLS in  
9 its metrowide solutions was well timed to position the company for recent successes in Asia  
10 markets,” said David Dunphy, senior analyst, Current Analysis. “Rapid buildout of metro  
11 networks in placed like Hong Kong, where population density is high and fiber access is  
12 widely available, makes for significant opportunities in the current market. Service providers  
13 in the region have a large addressable market for new, differentiated, high-bandwidth services,  
14 and MPLS technology such as Riverstone’s can give these companies an important tool the  
15 means to deliver cost-effective Ethernet-based services with consistent service quality.”

16 38) On September 10, 2001, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press  
17 release via *Business Wire* which stated in relevant part:

18 Riverstone Networks, Inc., a pioneer in metropolitan area networking, furthered its lead in  
19 Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) technology for metropolitan area networks by  
20 shipping its 1,000th MPLS router port this week.

21 Riverstone is currently shipping MPLS-enabled routers to six different telecommunications  
22 carrier customers. This milestone follows Riverstone’s August 2001 announcement that its  
23 advanced routers would be used by Hong Kong-based Hutchison Global Crossing to create  
24 the world’s first metro MPLS network, ***providing nearly one million residents with last-mile  
Ethernet connectivity.***

25 39) On September 20, 2001, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press  
26 release entitled, “Riverstone Networks Reports Record Revenue, Delivers 169 Percent Year Over  
27 Year Growth, and Reaches Profitability Ahead of Expectations.” The press release stated in part:

28 Riverstone Networks Inc. today reported revenues of \$55.3 million for its second quarter  
fiscal 2002, which ended September 1, 2001, a 169 percent increase compared with revenues  
of \$20.6 million for the same period last year and a 25 percent increase compared with  
revenues of \$44.2 million for the prior quarter.

Pro forma net income for the quarter was \$1.6 million or \$0.01 per share, compared with a pro  
forma net loss of \$8.4 million or \$0.09 per share for the second quarter of fiscal 2001, and a  
pro forma net loss of \$3.6 million or \$0.03 per share for the prior quarter.

1 Actual net income for the second quarter, which includes stock-based compensation and  
2 amortization of goodwill, was \$64,000 or breakeven on a per share basis. This compares with  
3 a net loss of \$11.8 million or \$0.13 per share for the second quarter of fiscal 2001.

4 “We are very pleased with our financial results,” said Romulus Pereira, president and chief  
5 executive officer of Riverstone Networks. “Not only did we turn profitable a full quarter  
6 ahead of expectations, we grew revenue 169 percent on a year over year basis. We continue  
7 to win tier-one accounts around the world by delivering key technology offerings such as  
8 MPLS services, new high-density gigabit platforms and high-availability networking  
9 solutions. These achievements are establishing us as a premier provider of metropolitan area  
10 network equipment.”

11 40) On November 15, 2001, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press  
12 release entitled, “Riverstone Sells \$150 Million of 3.75% Convertible Subordinated Notes.” The  
13 press release stated in part:

14 Riverstone Networks, Inc. announced today that it agreed to privately place \$150 million  
15 aggregate principal amount of 3.75% convertible subordinated notes due 2006. The notes will  
16 be unsecured obligations, convertible into Riverstone Common Stock at a conversion price of  
17 approximately \$18.16 per share. The company has granted the initial purchasers of the notes  
18 a 30-day option to purchase an additional \$25 million principal amount of the notes. The  
19 placement of the notes is expected to close on November 21, 2001.

20 41) On December 19, 2001, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press  
21 release entitled, “Riverstone Networks Reports Record Third Quarter: Revenues Increase 124% Year  
22 Over Year to \$60.1 million, Company Reports Pro Forma Profit of \$0.03 Per Share.” The press  
23 release stated in part:

24 Riverstone Networks, Inc. today reported revenues of \$60.1 million for its fiscal third quarter  
25 2002, which ended December 1, 2001, a 124 percent increase compared with revenues of  
26 \$26.8 million for the same period last year and an 8.7 percent increase compared with  
27 revenues of \$55.3 million for the prior quarter.

28 Pro forma net income for the quarter was \$3.6 million or \$0.03 per share, compared with a pro  
forma net loss of \$7.1 million or \$0.08 per share for the third quarter of fiscal 2001, and a pro  
forma net income of \$1.6 million or \$0.01 per share for the prior quarter.

GAAP net income for the third quarter, which includes stock-based compensation and  
amortization of goodwill, was \$2.2 million or \$0.02 per share. This compares with a net loss  
of \$34.9 million or \$0.38 per share for the third quarter of fiscal 2001. GAAP net income for  
the prior quarter was \$64,000, or breakeven on a per share basis.

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2 “We are pleased to deliver another record quarter of increasing revenues, profit and market  
3 share,” said Romulus Pereira, Riverstone president and chief executive officer. “Riverstone  
4 continues to set the standard for carrier products in the metro market. Our solutions enable  
5 our customers to create and deliver profitable services, lower costs, and maximize returns  
6 from their infrastructure.”

7 42) These statements were false. The true facts which were known (or consciously  
8 disregarded) by each of the Defendants but concealed from the public were as follows:

9 a) The Company’s reported financial results were materially false and misleading as  
10 described below;

11 b) The Company’s purported ability to reach 1 million customers via its deal with  
12 Hutchison was a pipe dream, because Hutchison had less than 150,000 customers and its  
13 growth rate was less than 7% per month; and

14 c) The Company’s revenue recognition policy was regularly disregarded in favor of  
15 the Defendants’ desire to ship products and report revenues even though the customer had  
16 little if any ability to pay.

17 43) On February 28, 2002, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press  
18 release entitled, “Riverstone Networks Announces Preliminary Fourth Quarter Results.” The press  
19 release stated in part:

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21 Riverstone Networks, Inc., a leader in metropolitan area networking, today announced that it  
22 expects revenues for the fourth quarter ending March 2, 2002, to be approximately \$50  
23 million to \$54 million. Based on these revenues, the Company anticipates it will breakeven  
24 or have a slight loss on a pro forma basis. These pro forma results exclude fourth quarter  
25 charges, as well as amortization of goodwill and stock compensation expense.

26 The Company also announced that it would reduce its expenses, including workforce  
27 reductions, resulting in an approximately 10 percent reduction in the Company’s overall cost  
28 structure in the first quarter of fiscal 2003, which ends June 1, 2002. The Company expects to  
take charges in the fourth quarter totaling approximately \$26 million to \$30 million,  
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2 the US and Europe, which have caused service providers and carriers to delay infrastructure  
3 build outs. Despite the macro economic climate, carriers continue to choose Riverstone for its  
industry leading metro-optimized products and solutions.

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5 profitability," said Romulus Pereira, President and CEO of Riverstone Networks. "We also  
6 remain committed to our carrier customers and to providing them with network infrastructure  
that converts raw bandwidth into profitable services."

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8 44) On March 26, 2002, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press release  
9 entitled, "Riverstone Networks Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year End 2002 Results; Company  
10 Reports Fiscal 2002 Revenues of \$210.8 million, a 114 Percent Increase Over Previous Year." The  
11 press release stated in part:

12 Riverstone Networks, Inc., a pioneer in metropolitan area networking, today reported results  
13 for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended March 2, 2002.

14 Revenues for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002 were \$51.3 million, compared with revenues of  
15 \$35.1 million for the same period last year and \$60.1 million for the third quarter of fiscal  
16 2002. Pro forma net loss for the quarter was \$1.7 million or \$0.1 per share, compared with  
17 pro forma net loss of \$5.5 million or \$0.06 per share for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, and  
pro forma net income of \$3.6 million, or \$0.03 per share for the third quarter of fiscal 2002.

18 GAAP net loss for the fourth quarter, which includes a charge of \$1.1 million relating to  
19 stock-based compensation and goodwill associated with acquisitions, a restructuring charge of  
20 \$3.3 million, and a non-cash charge of \$22.1 million related to the impairment of investments  
21 in privately-held companies, was \$28.2 million, or \$0.23 per share. This compares with a  
GAAP net loss of \$6.6 million or \$0.07 per share for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 and  
GAAP net income of \$2.2 million or \$0.02 per share for the third quarter of fiscal 2002.

22 Revenues for the year ended March 2, 2002 were \$210.8 million, a 114 percent increase  
23 compared with revenues of \$98.3 million for fiscal 2001. Pro forma net loss for fiscal 2002  
24 was \$252,000, or breakeven on a per share basis, compared with pro forma net loss of \$32.8  
million or \$0.35 per share for fiscal 2001.

25 GAAP net loss for the year, which includes a charge of \$5.0 million relating to a stock-based  
26 compensation and goodwill associated with acquisitions, a restructuring charge of \$3.3  
27 million, and a noncash-charge of \$22.1 million related to the impairment of investments in  
28 privately-held companies, was \$30.7 million, or \$0.27 per share. This compares with a GAAP  
net loss of \$65.8 million or \$0.71 per share for fiscal 2001.

1           45) On March 27, 2002, Defendant Pereira was interviewed by CNBC. A published report of  
2 that interview follows:

3           Riverstone Networks, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Romulus Pereira said on financial news  
4 network CNBC that the maker of gear to direct Internet traffic expects to break even or post a  
5 small profit in the current quarter.

6           “We’re fairly well diversified and we’ve got new market segments like Canada and Latin  
7 America starting to open up,” Pereira said. “There’s plenty of mid-tier business as well as  
8 good tier-one business in Asia to keep the revenue moving until the U.S. markets come back  
in force.”

9           Pereira said the company has \$450 million in cash on hand.

10           46) The above statements were materially false and misleading because Pereira actually knew  
11 that:

12           a) the Company’s Asian business had materially deteriorated and had become so dire  
13 that may of the Company’s Asian clients could not even pay amounts owed to the Company;  
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15           b) the Company had only a fraction of the claimed “\$450 million in cash;” and  
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17           c) the Company’s financial results were materially false and misleading as described  
18 below.

19           47) On June 5, 2002, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press release  
20 entitled, “ Riverstone Networks Announces Preliminary First Quarter Results.” The press release  
21 stated in part:

22           Riverstone Networks, Inc., a leader in metropolitan area networking, today announced  
23 estimated financial results for the first quarter of fiscal 2002, which ended June 1, 2002.

24           Reflecting continued cautious spending on the part of telecommunications carriers, the  
25 Company expects revenue for the first quarter to be approximately \$30 million to \$31 million.  
26 Based on these revenues, the Company expects to report a pro forma net loss for the quarter of  
27 approximately \$0.11 per share to \$0.13 per share, excluding amortization of goodwill and  
stock compensation expense.

28           “Despite capital spending remaining conservative, we continue to see strong initial  
deployments from carriers around the world, indicating that metro projects are a priority,” said

1 Romulus Pereira, president and chief executive officer of Riverstone Networks.  
2 “Accordingly, our focus remains on delivering best-in-class products and solutions. With a  
3 strong cash balance, we are well positioned to meet the next-generation networking needs of  
carriers around the world.”

4 48) On June 19, 2002, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to issue a press release  
5 entitled, “Riverstone Networks Reports First Quarter Fiscal 2003 Results; Results in Line with  
6 Previously Announced Expectations; Revenues of \$30.1 Million and Pro Forma EPS of \$(0.12).”

7 The press release stated in part:  
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9 Metropolitan area networking pioneer Riverstone Networks, Inc. today reported first quarter  
10 results for the period ending June 1, 2002.

11 Revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 were \$30.1 million, compared with revenues of  
12 \$44.2 million for the same period last year and \$51.3 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal  
13 2002. Pro forma net loss for the quarter was \$15.3 million or \$0.12 per share, compared with  
14 pro forma net loss of \$3.6 million or \$0.03 per share for the first quarter of fiscal 2002, and  
15 pro forma net loss of \$1.7 million, or \$0.01 per share for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002.

16 GAAP net loss for the first quarter was \$15.9 million, or \$0.13 per share. This compares with  
17 a GAAP net loss of \$4.7 million or \$0.04 per share for the first quarter of fiscal 2002 and  
18 GAAP net loss of \$28.2 million or \$0.23 per share for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002.

19 “While telecommunications carrier spending remains cautious, their priorities continue to  
20 reflect the shift from voice to data networks,” said Romulus Pereira, president and chief  
21 executive officer of Riverstone Networks. “Riverstone’s product portfolio and strong  
22 customer base position us well as carriers around the world prepare to build the next  
23 generation service network.”

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**RIVERSTONE’S FALSE FINANCIAL  
REPORTING DURING THE RELEVANT PERIOD**

29 49) In order to falsely overstate Riverstone’s revenues, earnings and assets during the  
30 Relevant Period, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to violate GAAP and SEC rules by  
31 failing to properly report the diminished value of certain of its investments in telecommunications  
32 related companies. The Individual Defendants and Riverstone now admit that the value of the  
33 investment is only a fraction of its carrying amount which they attributed to these items. The amount

1 of impairment, \$22.1 million, was material and should have been recorded and disclosed in the  
2 Company's financial statements by at least September 2001.

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4 50) These financial statements and the statements about them were false and misleading, as  
5 such financial information was not prepared in conformity with GAAP, nor was the financial  
6 information a fair presentation of the Company's operations due to the Company's improper  
7 accounting for its investment in technology companies, in violation of GAAP and SEC rules.

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9 51) GAAP are those principles recognized by the accounting profession as the conventions,  
10 rules and procedures necessary to define accepted accounting practice at a particular time. SEC  
11 Regulation S-X (17 C.F.R. § 210.4-01(a)(1)) states that financial statements filed with the SEC which  
12 are not prepared in compliance with GAAP are presumed to be misleading and inaccurate, despite  
13 footnote or other disclosure. Regulation S-X requires that interim financial statements must also  
14 comply with GAAP, with the exception that interim financial statements need not include disclosure  
15 which would be duplicative of disclosures accompanying annual financial statements. 17 C.F.R. §  
16 210.10-01(a).  
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18 52) GAAP, as set forth in Accounting Principles Board opinion ("APB") No. 18, requires that  
19 companies must recognize a decrease in value of an investment carried under the cost method of  
20 accounting by a charge against earnings when a decline in value of the investment is other than  
21 temporary. A series of operating losses or other factors may indicate that a decrease in value of the  
22 investment has occurred which is other than temporary and should be recognized.  
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24 53) By the time it reported its financial results at the beginning of the Relevant Period,  
25 several of Riverstone's investments in telecommunications related companies had deteriorated  
26 dramatically as compared to their value. Thus, the Defendants were increasingly aware that the  
27 impairment in value was not temporary.  
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1           54) Pursuant to GAAP, as set forth in APB No. 18 and SFAS No. 121, the Company was  
2 required to recognize a loss to reflect the non-temporary impairment. Contrary to GAAP, the  
3 Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to not reflect such losses, as to do so would have so reduced  
4 the Company's earnings during the Relevant Period and would have been an admission that the  
5 Company's current business and future prospects were bleak, at best, and that the integration was a  
6 failure.  
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8           55) The Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to ultimately admit in its February 28, 2002  
9 press release that:  
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11           Riverstone Networks, Inc., a leader in metropolitan area networking, today announced that it  
12 expects revenues for the fourth quarter ending March 2, 2002, to be approximately \$50  
13 million to \$54 million. Based on these revenues, the Company anticipates it will breakeven  
14 or have a slight loss on a pro forma basis. These pro forma results exclude fourth quarter  
15 charges, as well as amortization of goodwill and stock compensation expense.

16           The Company also announced that it would reduce its expenses, including workforce  
17 reductions, resulting in an approximately 10 percent reduction in the Company's overall cost  
18 structure in the first quarter of fiscal 2003, which ends June 1, 2002. The Company expects to  
19 take charges in the fourth quarter totaling approximately \$26 million to \$30 million,  
20 consisting of asset impairments, write downs in equity investments, charges related to  
21 discontinued products and costs associated with workforce reductions.

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23 the US and Europe, which have caused service providers and carriers to delay infrastructure  
24 build outs. Despite the macro economic climate, carriers continue to choose Riverstone for its  
25 industry leading metro-optimized products and solutions.

26           "We continue to focus on our financial metrics and remain committed to long-term  
27 profitability," said Romulus Pereira, President and CEO of Riverstone Networks. "We also  
28 remain committed to our carrier customers and to providing them with network infrastructure  
that converts raw bandwidth into profitable services."

56) Moreover, in order to inflate the price of Riverstone stock, Defendants caused the  
Company to falsely report its results through improper revenue recognition.

57) The results issued during the Relevant Period were included in Form 10-Qs filed with the  
SEC. The results were also included in press releases disseminated to the public. These prior

1 financial statements were not a fair presentation of Riverstone's results and were presented in  
2 violation of GAAP and SEC rules.

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4 58) In Riverstone's 2001 Form 10-K, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to  
5 represent that it recognized revenue in accordance with GAAP.

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7 59) Pursuant to GAAP, revenue should not be recognized unless there is persuasive evidence  
8 of an agreement, *collection is probable* and delivery has occurred.

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10 60) During the Relevant Period, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to improperly  
11 recognize revenue even though these conditions did not exist.

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13 61) Ultimately, on June 20, 2002, the Individual Defendants caused Riverstone to reveal that  
14 the Company's receivables had deteriorated. In fact, the Individual Defendants caused the Company  
15 to reveal that its DSO's had jumped from 77 days to 151 days. Thus, the Company's clients were  
16 taking nearly half a year to pay but the Company was immediately recognizing revenue upon  
17 shipment. The Company's recognition of revenue was premature.

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19 62) Due to these accounting improprieties, the Individual Defendants caused the Company to  
20 present its financial results and statements in a manner which violated GAAP, including the following  
21 fundamental accounting principles:

22  
23 a) The principle that interim financial reporting should be based upon the same accounting  
24 principles and practices used to prepare annual financial statements was violated (APB No. 28, ¶ 10);

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26 b) The principle that financial reporting should provide information that is useful to present  
27 and potential investors and creditors and other users in making rational investment, credit and similar  
28 decisions was violated (FASB Statement of Concepts No. 1, ¶ 34) ;

c) The principle that financial reporting should provide information about the economic  
resources of an enterprise, the claims to those resources, and effects of transactions, events and

1 circumstances that change resources and claims to those resources was violated (FASB Statement of  
2 Concepts No. 1, ¶ 40);

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4 d) The principle that financial reporting should provide information about how management  
5 of an enterprise has discharged its stewardship responsibility to owners (stockholders) for the use of  
6 enterprise resources entrusted to it was violated. To the extent that management offers securities of  
7 the enterprise to the public, it voluntarily accepts wider responsibilities for accountability to  
8 prospective investors and to the public in general (FASB Statement of Concepts No. 1, ¶ 50);

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10 e) The principle that financial reporting should provide information about an enterprise's  
11 financial performance during a period was violated. Investors and creditors often use information  
12 about the past to help in assessing the prospects of an enterprise. Thus, although investment and  
13 credit decisions reflect investors' expectations about future enterprise performance, those  
14 expectations are commonly based at least partly on evaluations of past enterprise performance (FASB  
15 Statement of Concepts No. 1, ¶ 42);

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17 f) The principle that financial reporting should be reliable in that it represents what it purports  
18 to represent was violated. That information should be reliable as well as relevant is a notion that is  
19 central to accounting (FASB Statement of Concepts No. 2, ¶¶ 58-59);

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21 g) The principle of completeness, which means that nothing is left out of the information that  
22 may be necessary to insure that it validly represents underlying events and conditions was violated  
23 (FASB Statement of Concepts No. 2, ¶ 79); and

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25 h) The principle that conservatism be used as a prudent reaction to uncertainty to try to ensure  
26 that uncertainties and risks inherent in business situations are adequately considered was violated.  
27 The best way to avoid injury to investors is to try to ensure that what is reported represents what it  
28 purports to represent (FASB Statement of Concepts No. 2, ¶¶ 95, 97).

1           63) Further, the undisclosed adverse information concealed by Defendants during the  
2 Relevant Period is the type of information which, because of SEC regulations, regulations of the  
3 national stock exchanges and customary business practice, is expected by investors and securities  
4 analysts to be disclosed and is known by corporate officials and their legal and financial advisors to  
5 be the type of information which is expected to be and must be disclosed.  
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7                           **DERIVATIVE AND DEMAND FUTILITY ALLEGATIONS**

8           64) Plaintiff brings this action derivatively in the right and for the benefit of Riverstone to  
9 redress injuries suffered, and to be suffered, by Riverstone as a direct result of the breaches of  
10 fiduciary duty, abuse of control, waste of corporate assets, and unjust enrichment, as well as the  
11 aiding and abetting thereof, by the Individual Defendants. Riverstone is named as a nominal  
12 Defendant solely in a derivative capacity. This is not a collusive action to confer jurisdiction on this  
13 Court which it would not otherwise have.  
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15           65) Plaintiff will adequately and fairly represent the interests of Riverstone in enforcing and  
16 prosecuting its rights.  
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18           66) Plaintiff is and was an owner of the stock of Riverstone during all times relevant to the  
19 Individual Defendants' wrongful course of conduct alleged herein, and remains a shareholder of the  
20 Company.  
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22           67) The current Board of Directors of Riverstone consists of the following individuals:  
23 Defendants Periera, Patel, Paisley and Calvo. Plaintiff has not made any demand on the present  
24 Board of Directors of Riverstone to institute this action because such a demand would be a futile,  
25 wasteful and useless act, particularly for the following reasons:

26           a) As a result of their access to and review of internal corporate documents; conversations  
27 and connections with other corporate officers, employees, and directors; and attendance at Board  
28 meetings, each of the Defendants knew the adverse non-public information regarding the improper



1 accounting. While in possession of this material adverse non-public information regarding the  
2 Company, the following two current members of the Riverstone' Board participated in the illegal  
3 insider selling:

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5 i) During the Relevant Period, Periera sold 105,769 shares of Riverstone stock for  
6 proceeds of over \$1.8 million.

7 ii) During the Relevant Period, Patel sold 251,040 shares of Riverstone stock for  
8 proceeds of over \$3 million. Because these Defendants personally benefitted from their  
9 wrongdoing, and there is a substantial likelihood of liability due to the improper insider  
10 selling, any demand upon them is futile;

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12 b) Defendant Periera, as CEO, is an inside director of Riverstone, and his principal  
13 professional occupation is his employment with Riverstone, pursuant to which he received and  
14 continues to receive substantial monetary compensation and other benefits. Accordingly, Defendant  
15 Periera is beholden to the other members of the Board to maintain his employment with Riverstone,  
16 rendering him incapable of impartially considering a demand to commence and vigorously prosecute  
17 this action;

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19 c) According to Riverstone's Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on or about June 25, 2001,  
20 Defendants Calvo and Paisley were, during the Relevant Period, members of the Audit Committee.  
21 The Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing the Company's system of internal control and its  
22 financial and accounting practices and reviewing the Company's systems relating to compliance with  
23 laws, rules, regulations and Company policies. Nonetheless, the Audit Committee recommended to  
24 the Board of Directors that the Company's audited consolidated financial statements be included in  
25 our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 3, 2001, and be filed with the SEC.  
26 By such actions, Defendants Calvo and Paisley breached their duties by causing or allowing the  
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1 improper financials described above. As a result of the Defendants' breach of these duties, in taking  
2 the action requested by Plaintiff herein, there is a substantial likelihood of liability as to Defendants  
3 Calvo and Paisley, making any demand upon them futile;

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5 d) The entire Riverstone Board of Directors and senior management participated in the  
6 wrongs complained of herein. Riverstone' directors and senior management are not disinterested or  
7 independent due to the following: Defendants Periera, Patel, Paisley and Calvo served on the  
8 Riverstone Board during the Relevant Period. Pursuant to their specific duties as board members,  
9 each was charged with the management of the Company and to conduct its business affairs. Each of  
10 the above-referenced Defendants breached the fiduciary duties that they owed to Riverstone and its  
11 shareholders in that they failed to prevent and correct the improper financials;

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13 e) Thus, the Riverstone Board cannot exercise independent objective judgment in deciding  
14 whether to bring this action or whether to vigorously prosecute this action because its members are  
15 interested personally in the outcome as it is their actions which have subjected Riverstone to millions  
16 of dollars in liability for possible violations of applicable securities laws;

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18 f) The Individual Defendants, because of their inter-related business and professional  
19 relationships, have developed debilitating conflicts of interest which prevent the Board members of  
20 the Company from taking the necessary and proper action on behalf of the Company as requested  
21 herein. In addition to the conflicts that exist as a result of their participation in the improper insider  
22 selling, as detailed herein *supra*, the majority of the Board, including the Defendants listed below, are  
23 subject to the following prejudicial entanglements:

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25 i) Director Defendant Patel served as the Chairman, President and CEO of Cabletron  
26 and thus developed entangling business and professional relationships with Periera.  
27 Moreover, by virtue of his knowledge, and business dealings in the merger of Cabletron and  
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1 the Company, he is not independent and could not adequately consider a shareholder demand;  
2 and

3 ii) Director Defendant Calvo is a partner in the law firm used by the Company as its  
4 outside counsel. As such, he and his law firm have developed business relationships with  
5 Periera and the Company and have receive substantial consideration from the Company which  
6 destroy Calvo's independence;  
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8 g) The Director Defendants of Riverstone, as more fully detailed herein, participated in,  
9 approved and/or permitted the wrongs alleged herein to have occurred and participated in efforts to  
10 conceal or disguise those wrongs from Riverstone's stockholders or recklessly and/or negligently  
11 disregarded the wrongs complained of herein, and are therefore not disinterested parties;  
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13 h) In order to bring this suit, all of the directors of Riverstone would be forced to sue  
14 themselves and persons with whom they have extensive business and personal entanglements, which  
15 they will not do, thereby excusing demand;  
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17 i) The acts complained of constitute violations of the fiduciary duties owed by Riverstone's  
18 officers and directors and these acts are incapable of ratification;  
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20 j) Each of the Director Defendants of Riverstone authorized and/or permitted the false  
21 statements disseminated directly to the public or made directly to securities analysts and which were  
22 made available and distributed to shareholders, authorized and/or permitted the issuance of various of  
23 the false and misleading statements and are principal beneficiaries of the wrongdoing alleged herein,  
24 and thus could not fairly and fully prosecute such a suit even if such suit was instituted by them;  
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26 k) Any suit by the current directors of Riverstone to remedy these wrongs would likely  
27 expose the Individual Defendants and Riverstone to further violations of the securities laws which  
28 would result in civil actions being filed against one or more of the Individual Defendants, thus, they

1 are hopelessly conflicted in making any supposedly independent determination whether to sue  
2 themselves;

3 l) Riverstone has been and will continue to be exposed to significant losses due to the  
4 wrongdoing complained of herein, yet the Individual Defendants and current Board have not filed any  
5 lawsuits against themselves or others who were responsible for that wrongful conduct to attempt to  
6 recover for Riverstone any part of the damages Riverstone suffered and will suffer thereby;  
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8 m) If the current directors were to bring this derivative action against themselves, they would  
9 thereby expose their own misconduct, which underlies allegations against them contained in class  
10 action complaints for violations of securities law, which admissions would impair their defense of the  
11 class actions and greatly increase the probability of their personal liability in the class actions, in an  
12 amount likely to be in excess of any insurance coverage available to the Individual Defendants. In  
13 essence, they would be forced to take positions contrary to the defenses they will likely assert in the  
14 securities class actions. This they will not do. Thus, demand is futile; and  
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16 n) If Riverstone's current and past officers and directors are protected against personal  
17 liability for their acts of mismanagement, abuse of control and breach of fiduciary duty alleged in this  
18 Complaint by directors' and officers' liability insurance, they caused the Company to purchase that  
19 insurance for their protection with corporate funds, *i.e.*, monies belonging to the stockholders of  
20 Riverstone. However, due to certain changes in the language of directors' and officers' liability  
21 insurance policies in the past few years, the directors' and officers' liability insurance policies  
22 covering the Defendants in this case contain provisions which eliminate coverage for any action  
23 brought directly by Riverstone against these Defendants, known as, *inter alia*, the "insured versus  
24 insured exclusion." As a result, if these directors were to sue themselves or certain of the officers of  
25 Riverstone, there would be no directors' and officers' insurance protection and thus, this is a further  
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1 reason why they will not bring such a suit. On the other hand, if the suit is brought derivatively, as  
2 this action is brought, such insurance coverage exists and will provide a basis for the Company to  
3 effectuate recovery. If there is no directors' and officers' liability insurance at all then the current  
4 directors will not cause Riverstone to sue them, since they will face a large uninsured liability.  
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6 68) Moreover, despite the Individual Defendants having knowledge of the claims and causes  
7 of action raised by Plaintiff, the current Board of Directors has failed and refused to seek to recover  
8 for Riverstone for any of the wrongdoing alleged by Plaintiff herein.  
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### 10 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 11 **Against All Defendants for Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

12 69) Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation contained  
13 above, as though fully set forth herein.  
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15 70) The Individual Defendants owed and owe Riverstone fiduciary obligations. By reason of  
16 their fiduciary relationships, the Officer Defendants and Director Defendants owed and owe  
17 Riverstone the highest obligation of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty, and due care.

18 71) The Individual Defendants, and each of them, violated and breached their fiduciary duties  
19 of care, loyalty, reasonable inquiry, oversight, good faith, and supervision.  
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21 72) Each of the Individual Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that they had  
22 caused the Company to improperly misrepresent the financial results of the Company and failed to  
23 correct the Company's publicly reported financial results and guidance. These actions could not have  
24 been a good faith exercise of prudent business judgment to protect and promote the Company's  
25 corporate interests.  
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73) As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' failure to perform their fiduciary obligations, Riverstone has sustained significant damages. As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, the Individual Defendants are liable to the Company.

74) Plaintiff on behalf of Riverstone has no adequate remedy at law.

## SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

## Against All Defendants for Abuse of Control

75) Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.

76) The Individual Defendants' misconduct alleged herein constituted an abuse of their ability to control and influence Riverstone, for which they are legally responsible.

77) As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' abuse of control, Riverstone has sustained significant damages.

78) As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, the Individual Defendants are liable to the Company.

79) Plaintiff on behalf of Riverstone has no adequate remedy at law.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

### Against All Defendants for Gross Mismanagement

80) Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.

81) By their actions alleged herein, the Individual Defendants, either directly or through aiding and abetting, abandoned and abdicated their responsibilities and fiduciary duties with regard to prudently managing the assets and business of Riverstone in a manner consistent with the operations of a publicly held corporation.

1 82) As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' gross mismanagement and  
2 breaches of duty alleged herein, Riverstone has sustained significant damages in excess of hundreds  
3 of millions of dollars.

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5 83) As a result of the misconduct and breaches of duty alleged herein, the Individual  
6 Defendants are liable to the Company.

7 84) Plaintiff on behalf of Riverstone has no adequate remedy at law.

8 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **Against All Defendants for Unjust Enrichment**

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11 85) Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth  
12 above, as though fully set forth herein.

13 86) By their wrongful acts and omissions, Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense  
14 of and to the detriment of Riverstone.

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16 87) Plaintiff seeks restitution from these Defendants, and each of them, and seeks an order of  
17 this Court disgorging all profits, benefits and other compensation obtained by these Defendants, and  
18 each of them, from their wrongful conduct and fiduciary breaches.

19 88) Plaintiff, as a shareholder and representative of Riverstone, seeks restitution and  
20 disgorgement of profits for the Company as hereinafter set forth.

21 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

22 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment as follows:

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24 (A) Against all of the Individual Defendants and in favor of the Company for the amount  
25 of damages sustained by the Company as a result of the Individual Defendants' breaches of fiduciary  
26 duties, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, and unjust enrichment;

27 (B) Extraordinary equitable and/or injunctive relief as permitted by law and equity sued  
28 hereunder, including attaching, impounding, imposing a constructive trust on or otherwise restricting

the proceeds of Defendants' trading activities or their other assets so as to assure that Plaintiff on behalf of Riverstone has an effective remedy;

(C) Awarding to Plaintiff the costs and disbursements of the action, including reasonable attorneys' fees, accountants' and experts' fees, costs, and expenses; and

(D) Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: February 10, 2003

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**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff respectfully demands a jury trial on all issues so triable..

DATED: February 10, 2003

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